

Kirby's Vacuum Land

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Vacuum Land is a forum dedicated to vacuum collectors. Most people seem to be part of the Vacuum Cleaners Collector's Club and know each other in person. They are a weird bunch. Highly recommended posts and sections are highlighted yellow. May the Twingle be with you.

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Intro

An introduction to the people of Vacuum Land.

Why Collect Vacuums?

NYCWriter

I have to tell you, I'm very glad I stumbled upon this board. I really had no idea there were so many vacuum collectors out there!

I've always loved vacuums myself, but never had the time or space to really cultivate a collection. I do, however, have a small collection (WORKING collection, that is) of vintage TELEPHONES. But that's another discussion.

My question here is -- what drives you guys to collect vacuums? Is it a "guy" fascination for shiny electrical devices with motors and lights? Is it a yearning for a bygone era? For gay men in particular, is it a subconscious affinity for appliances we associate with our mothers?

Also, what is your ultimate "end game" in cultivating your collections? Is the action of acquisition feeding a subconscious need? Do any of you have dreams of resurrecting, say, the Hoover company to its former glory, building top-quality appliances and employing legions of Americans once again?

I'm just curious about what drives all of you.

Love you guys!

guardsman69

I HAVE BEEN A ONE MAN MISSION TO RESTORE THE HOOVER COMPANY TO IT FORMER GLORY...BEING THEIR FIRST AND ONLY RECOGNIZED HOOVER SERVICE PRODIGY AT 6 YEARS OLD AND SALES DEALER AT NINEMY HOOVER CAREER BEGAN WITH THE HOOVER FAMILY THEMSELVES AND HAS SPANNED FIVE OWNERS IN 38 YEARS ..I HAVE WORKED ALL ITS INCARNATIONS AND HAVE CONTRIBUTED AND INSPIRED MANY MODELS AND DESIGNS TO THEIR LINE UPS...AS FOR THE TTI SIX YEAR SPAN I HOST THEIR PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS AND DIVISION HEADS ON A REGULAR BASISI BUILD PROTOTYPES OF UNITS OF THE PAST TO INSPIRE FUTURE PRODUCT LINES....THE HOOVER ANNIVERSARY EDITION LINE WAS BORN IN MY 218 EAST DRINKER STREET SHOWROOM IN MAY 2007 AND STILL IS A NUMBER ONE SELLING FLOORCARE LINE AFTER SIX YEARS....I ALSO FOUGHT AND WON TO SAVE THE CONVERTIBLE LINE AND CREATED AND INSPIRED THE HOOVER PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION....I RECENTLY HOSTED OUR NEW AND AMAZING PRESIDENT DAN GREGORY AND OUR OWN JOHN LONG GOT TO MEET AND VISIT WITH HIMWHICH JOHN TRULY ENJOYED AND EVEN IS GETTING ANY HOOVER OF HIS CHOICE FROM THE UPCOMING NEW UPRIGHT COLLECTION WHEN AVAILABLE

guido

Why collect VACUUM CLEANERS ? 10 good reasons !

- 1 - collecting butterflies or post-stamps must be so boring.....
- 2 - collecting vacuum cleaners means being able to see a "soul" in an ordinary object (like a vacuum cleaner) that ordinary people usually are unable to see.

3 - searching for certain old machines is a real treasure-hunt and finding a missing rare-to-find model has no price...

4 - vintage vacuum cleaners - like other everyday objects - are a reflection of gone-by times, design and technique. We are proud to preserve a memory of it...even if it is from an unusual point of view. When you see them "inside" - how they were built - you get so much EMOTION for the good quality of the materials, the intelligence and care of a then-modern, new, brilliant idea which came to life and was often hand-made or hand-assembled by persons (not machines) around Europe or USA (China was still far to come).

5 - restoration on older models takes time, experience much information and care and can be very relaxing

6 - Vacuum cleaners are probably the most interesting electrical device, in a normal (vintage) household : they move, light up, transform into something else and ...vroooooom !

7 - you should see the face of your guests when you show them your vacuum cleaner collection !

8 - the more time passes and the more difficult it is to find some older models and their ORIGINAL spare parts : it really is a great challenge !

9 - Vacuum cleaners or floor polishers were not created for display or collecting reasons (like a beautiful vase, a picture or a chandelier). Their destiny is usually service and they were often discarded when not working properly anymore or replaced with smaller or lighter models. We love to give them a new life and opportunity !

10 - I don't know if there is subconscious affinity for appliances we associate with our mothers (could be) but for sure there is a sort of " imprinting " from the early years : we all remember the "first" vacuum cleaners of our life...the "guilty" ones ... when it all began !

(italian friend and massive-Vorwerk-collector TOMMY-MILAN visited me in december and brought me the best christmas present EVER !!!!! : the italian LESA 1957 floor-polisher model "LESALU/1" that i had been searching for at least 6 years ! So, after collecting EVERY old advertising about this machine for years, I finally got one. It's the blue on in the middle. I also spent a wonderful sunday with Tommy - a very kind and funny person - in a giant flea-market and enjoyed a great Chinese meal ! What more could you want?

I take the occasion to share this rare and beautiful machine with all of you !)

compactc9guy

For me collecting vacuum is remembering the past, my grand mother had a c9 compact vacuum i now own one. Every time i use it i picture my self cleaning her living room , that was my reward for doing my home work. She helped me whit cleaning whit her was my one on one time whit her . As i was getting bullied at school so cleaning was an escape for me ahhh the sound of a vacuum blocking the chaos mhm heaven to me . And then i began using it more and more changing bags ect taking care of it, you could say it became my friend as i said before school was not pleasant for me early on getting tease ect.. So cleaning was something i was good at me im good at some thing wow i tough my grand ma would say good job whit the compact hun thanks for your help i was getting praise for once, I was getting kind words so that's how it all began i kept at it for 24 years now i own several vacuum cleaner(compact c9 , lux discovery 20 \$ in yard sale mint , lux floor pro 1086,25 cash, lux zb86 from a fellow collector im restoring it

and a 16 gallons shop vac .) and i would clean at school. IL always remember in grade 5 i think cleaning the classroom whit this huge shop vac now that was awesome (i was young bear whit me here) i never seen such a huge machine and its the school so it was like special one you could say none of the student wanted to clean so i did it the teacher was real happy other student asked why i like it i just said i like cleaning i feel useful. (I had a purpose i was good at some thing help my self esteem in a weird kind of way.) Then i just started cleaning more and hunting for vacuum at trifts shops in my town, id fix them sell them like my own little shop you could say . Why do i like cleaning now that im older ? I like a neat house so i always look for the best appliances, i love electrolux and compact ,hoover ,tristar and filter queen also its what i grew up whit each vacuum belong to a special some one in my life so i had a connection whit those machine .I guess now its a hobbie .I love looking for information and new stories about vacuum that's why i joined this site finally a place i can talk about my weird collecting of vacuums, a place i can talk and read stories of other colelctors people like me who just like old vacs . I guess its like owning older cars you have a peice of history a peice of the past almost like a time machine you can go back to those good old days for a sort momment and forget the rough day you had . To me a machine that picked up the dust was fascinating how does it work?what makes it do that? I plug the cord turn it on and bam dust is gone how? why? what? So i began taking them apart and finding out why does it vacuum theres a motor a fan a cord a hose and a case aahah i tought thats how it works same whit cars ect i like fixing stuff insted of throwing it away if its broke i fix it i learn how to do it so i guess thats my story .

[Behind The Awkwardness: Vacuum Boy](#)

electrolux137

“As a child, my boyfriend loved appliances and in his eyes, all other appliances paled in comparison to the vacuum cleaner. When he was around five, his mom took him to a photography studio to get his portrait taken. He asked the photographers if they had any vacuums he could take a picture with. They found one in a broom closet and brought it out for him... the rest is history.” [from awkwardfamilyphotos.com...]



anthony

i had an aunt

who hated my interest in vacuums when i was a boy so much so both her and her husband would call me silly names [puff queer]spring to mind when i was 11 years old i paid her back by changing the wires round in the plug on her twintub and electrocuting her she never teased me again

BrianKirbyClass

My mother was NOT thrilled with my love of vacuums as a child,,and was ashamed and embarassed about it. She would not even talk about vacuum cleaners when i was around, or let me talk about it. She consideres a vacuum cleaner to be nothing more than a fancy GARBAGE CAN.

She even went as far as making sure i was NOT there or included when the time came to buy a new vacuum when i was a kid,,something i never forgot.

Ive told her in later years that the ONE thing she could have done to make me forever happy was to at least be included in the buying of the new vacuum at the time. She just grunted and walked off, shaking her head. (Would it have been such a crime to let a 6-7 yr old kid come to the store with you?)

HAHA Oh well,,i got my wish and revenge in the end,several yrs later,when i was able to drive and had my own money, i took that awful machine she bought and traded it for a machine i wanted,,as i was the one who did all the vacuuming, of course.

She was miffed but never mentioned it again after i told her since im the one that does the vacuuming (she wouldnt touch a vacuum cleaner if her life depended on it) i should at least be able to have one i liked. We never discussed it again.

My father was no help either,,he was indifferent,,didnt care one way or the other,,but both grandmother's and most of the rest of the family loved the fact that i was interested in vacuums,,and would let me use theirs whenever i visited,,infact, i did most all of the vacuuming at one Grandma's house,,she loved and appreciated the fact that she didnt have to do it!

gsheen

I am not sure my mother ever understood, she let me play with the Vacuum as a child but I also remember her telling me to stop this obsession. If my Gran (dads side) cut out pictures of vacuums from magazines for me she would get upset with them for supporting my enthusiasm. My Teachers at school gave me a hard time about it to. The one person who really supported me, My Dad, Derek A awesome man who I can only wish to emulate as I grow older. He would take me to every store to see the vacuums, Organize for me to see all the vacuums at his work. Get me pamphlets and brochures on any vacuum he could. Spend his Saturdays taking me to vacuum repair shops around Cape Town. He organised a tour of the Electrolux Factory when I was 14 and Helped secure me a job in my school holidays there.

The friends that teased me at school now support my business and those teachers all buy their vacuums from me.

Life is a funny thing

anthony

no the lethal twintub didnt kill her [if only she had been touching the taps at the time] but it did throw her across the kitchen bouncing her off the cooker and causing her to be deaf in one ear for the rest of her life

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niclonnic

Here's an unusual subject:

Today I went to my mom's apartment for dinner.

While we were eating, we heard something buzzing near the ceiling fan lights. I looked closer, and it was a wasp!

So after eating, I whipped out the Dyson, plugged it in (it was still on, and scared the heck out of me!), grabbed the hose and vacuumed up the wasp. Now it's trapped inside the canister, and still alive!

Now, do you think a vacuum cleaner would be an effective weapon against bees, wasps, yellow jackets and the like? I couldn't get a good picture of the wasp inside the Dyson canister.

parwaz786

Once I vacuumed a bee with a Dyson DC03. The bin was full I think, mor almost. By the time I was done vacuuming other rooms in my house, the bee had been buried halfway through the bin full of dirt. The bee was still alive.

Another time I was vacuuming the car with my Dyson DC01 Destijl. A bee came towards the Dyson because of the bright colours, thinking it was a flower. I was in the car so there was no escape. The bee could have came in and stung me. I couldn't open the other door because The road my mouse is located in has no drive ways, but people, park their cars outside the curb and my road is a main busy road with traffic lights. So I was holding the hose and sucked up the bee. It was flying around and looked like it was dying. It stayed still and looked dead all day. So in the evening I decided. I would take it out because it was dead. So I has in the bedroom. As soon as I took the bin off... IT CHASED ME!!!!!! OMG I THOUGHT IT WAS DEAD, BUT IT WAS PLAYING DEAD!!!

columbus

HAHAHAHA Such Subject about nothing really.

Here in South-Africa we are currently experienceing, rather warm wheather, which has the tendency to become hovered prior to rains.

During this time before rain, we find that no matter how clean and hygenic your surrounding is, there will be a fly or two, hence then the ants too. especially coming from outside to escape the heat and find a cool place.

Please tke my advice, DO NOT KILL AN ANT, for everyone you kill there is about another 1 million that comes to the funeral. LOL. Once it is killed, the steam machine sanitizes and cleans the evidence. That takes care of killing the evidence and claiming a dissapearance of an ant without a race. meanwhile he sleeps with the Fish, Cabish???

HAHAHAHAH

These stories you tell, really makes me smile, very amusing, and the way it is told, extremely anticpating the climax.

[word for the nons?](#)

vacuumssuck213

I watched a movie today maybe you've all heard of it its called harry potter well in that show they call non magic people "muggles" what would we call non vacuum lovers?

sebo_fan

Hoogles, Honkers or Heffers?

Kirbysthebest

How about

Dirty,Dusty?

We could call them the Dirstys.

Marks_here

Because this is a clean websight

I cannot write it on here but those who know me know exactly what words I'm thinking!

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super-sweeper

Hi all, the original thread is no longer listed, Si I've taken the liberty to start this new one. I am WAY over due to list the vacuums I've seen!

Let's start off with the lesser-interesting cleaners.

On an episode of the A&E Network's "Storage Wars:Texas" The Victor One pulled from a unit a Kirby 500 series in red with a replacement tan bag, then making the statement of, "Looks as if this thing's ready for the recycling bin", terrible!

Now, take a trip with me, to, THE TWILIGHT ZONE!

(Playing Theme)

On an episode entitled, "Mr.Dingle the strong", See link, A Vacuum Cleaner salesman is given super-strength under the observation of visitors from Mars.Pausing the video @ 1:15 reveals this neat-looking vacuum of a vacuum. A smaller drum similar to that of a Filter-Queen almost, but with a motor protruding from the top and attachments surrounding said motor.

Anyone willing to hazard a guess? Defiantly not one on your local market, but one only available at your local Wards, Said Wards only available, In the Twilight Zone!

But guess what else came around? AN ACTUAL HOOVER! WITH THE ACTUAL SOUND!

You may find 2 actual Hoovers, One already noted in, "Ring-a-ding Girl", The other...

See Below...Wink

Link to a video removed from youtube due to copyright.

dysonman1

Check out the movie "Reefer Madness", made about ten years ago. It's a musical. However, over half the movie takes place in a 1930's living room, and there's a Hoover 725 sitting on it's own oriental rug through most of the movie.

mjm0424

Just saw the movie w/Jayne Wyman,& the Lewyt. The ring-a-ding girl is Maggie Macnamara. She was in a film called "The Moon is Blue"w/ Bill Holden, & David Niven. Quite controversial for it's day;because the word virgin is mentioned. Also in the film;there is a scene in David Nivens'apt,where the tub runs over.Niven,& Holden get some towels from the linen/broom closet to mop it up,& you can see a Hoover 29 in the closet.

gottahaveahoove

You'll see a HOOVER

Constellation in John Waters', "Female Troubles", starring DIVINE, as Dawn Davenport! She gives birth and chews the umbilical cord right next to it.

Aeoliandave and the Twingle

The Twingle

aeoliandave

On my way north to Sarnia and Pete, from picking up the forlorn Haleys Comet, on the northern outskirts of Chatham, I spotted a Goodwill Thrift Store sign from the hiway. It was open, well, there were cars out front anyway. The twingle commanded me to turn around and go back.

Entering the store, with barely a glance to either side - the usual racks of clothing and tables of dishes & vases - the twingle veered me over 3 aisles and straight ahead of me against the back wall was this!!! I doubt I was in the store more than 4 minutes and on the road again, heart pounding. \$6.97 + tax.

Long story short:

Hoover Model 913, made in Britain, but rated 105-120 volts AC. Serial No E605226.

That's all I know. Believe the extremely thick and supple cord to be a substitute. It runs good with smooth motor rundown. The shiny grossgrain satin burgundy bag is a DVC Brand for Hoover and says Hoover in vertical letters. beater bar and brushes in great shape as is the bumper molding - no cracks. This is the heaviest vacuum I've ever lifted.

I adore the styling. Looks very much like a matching vacuum that Rosie the Maid on the Jetsons would use but of course it is much older than Rosie. As time permits you folks will tell me what more, or less, it is.

Twingle Diving

Starts halfway down thread.

aeoliandave

OK, Doug. Think I got it now. As I say, any USA braided quick-connect hose will do just to be able to display and use the J and it's yellowed off-white/gray/beige tools without resorting to the blue 1205 hose which really does clash visually. LOL

Passed by this Vacuum Shop, felt the Twingle, no one was around and I noticed a green dumpster bin out back so...

aeoliandave

Found all of this in the Dumpster!!!

First off, a complete Rainbow SE with the main grounded powercord cut off - an easy fix. The PN and hose are intact and ready to run.

Complete Kirby Heritage Super renovation Group kit and Bag and bits.

A new Vortech Force pre-motor filter.

Brushes for a GE Floor Polisher.

and a new Royal Procision 3050 BOX 24" long to put cylinder vacuums in...

Psychic Connections

This starts half way down the thread and half way down the post it is from.

charles

Now I am going to go out on a limb and ask a very strange question ... have any of you heard of, or do you think you have "sweeper psychic connections?" Okay, I said it was weird.

What I mean is, back in the day when I did a lot of thrift shopping, all I had to do was walk in the store and stand there for a moment. If there was anything exciting in there vacuum-cleaner wise, I would get a mildly excited, sort-of tingly feeling in the pit of my stomach. The same feeling I would get when I was a little boy and I'd go exploring in one of the church-ladies' homes and find an Electrolux or Kirby --- or especially an Electrolux polisher. The stronger that feeling was, the more I just "knew" there was an amazing find in there. And when it was a polisher tucked away, I ==ALWAYS== knew it.

Sometimes it took some real digging and sleuthing and poking around, and when there were other people with me they'd think I lost my mind when I'd announce "There's an Electrolux polisher in here somewhere" and go looking. And look and LOOK until I found it. After a while, they'd say, oh come on, there obviously is not one here. Then I'd look under a rack of blankets or house coats or something and there it would be.

I could tell you story after story after story like this, of walking into a thrift shop, junk store, garage sale, old vac shop, and KNOWING whether or not it would be worthwhile to do a lot of scrounging around in there.

I do know that a couple of other "hard core" collectors have experienced this with their most beloved machines because we have talked about it over the years.

With me, it's always been about the polishers. Don't ask me why, but from as far back as I can remember, I have been ABSOLUTELY OBSESSED with them.

Skipping boring story.

My mom has sometimes kidded that she thinks my "association" with the waxer is because it reminds me of flying saucers ... another 'interest' I've had since childhood. But that's another story for another forum.....

Cue THEREMIN: {{{*ooooooooEEEEoooooooo*}}}

aeoliandave

Boy o boy! I go in to work for a few hours and this thread explodes. I echo Pete and Charles as a firm believer in the personal 'logically unexplainable events' but I was there and saw it for myself episodes. I just know there's a pony under that pile. It's a pure pleasure to be among such company of avid seekers.

My twingle is associated with anything to do with pipe organ pieces, late 1800s Quack boxes and medical devices and of course, anything mechanically/electrically intriguing. Perhaps some of my re-routed brain circuitry responds to the faint residual half-life neutronal emanations - yeah, I made that word up.

I credit the twingle to all those electric sockets I thrillingly stuck metal objects into to complete the circuit from toothhood to adolescence. I 'learned' about the resistance...and flammability...of various materials in this way.

And there's that 'since I'm the only one who's thin and short with blue eyes in this family I must be a foundling' thing. :-) This is absolutely not true, of course, and I was showered with buckets of love & encouragement by Mom & Dad but early on I set out on a different path than the family saw coming...

I tell few about my interests because once started I reach a fever pitch of enthusiasm for the subject and most listeners glaze over and politely excuse themselves. It's enough to just take something unfixable and return it to them fixed. But get two kindred folks together and they have no need of social indulgence from 'standersby'. :-)

Trained as a mechanical engineer, it's more the decades of taking things apart and putting them back together that keeps an open mind to stuff that ain't in textbooks.

The family story is how Davy got a tinplate flying helicopter attached to a hand crank by a long spiral cable for his 5th Christmas. Just would not play with anything else all day. When it stopped working I took it apart after dinner in my room using things from Mom's sewing kit and fixed it.

Then there was my dear cat Austin (who looked like no other cat in the neighborhood) who crossed the road in front of my car on my way home and paused on the curb. 1 minute later I

pulled into the driveway up half a block to be told by the neighbors that he had been struck & killed by a car 3 hours earlier. That was 15 years ago and since then all my kittens to cats have been indoor or outdoor on the screened porch only.

and so it goes...

Thank you for sharing the stories and links. Dang, how did I miss that white & gold polisher?

Dave

Do you ever dream of vacs?

tommymilan

does any of you fellow collectors dream of vacuum cleaners? It happens to me quite often, dreaming of me in flea markets finding several vacs, especially the most desired of mine, or dreaming of being vacuuming with a certain cleaner...Anyone? Am I sick?

kisses

tommy

Skipping an entire fucking article about vacuum dreams.

portable

When my friend

Mike sent me an almost-perfect Hoover Convertible Model 65, I was in heaven. The only thing it needed was a bumper. We figured that the prior owner had run it into a piece of furniture, ripped the bumper, and taken it into the local vacuum store and traded it in for something else.

The night I got the Convertible in the mail from Mike, I went to bed and had a dream that I was in one of the local thrift stores and found a beat-up Convertible. It had a perfect bumper that I could use on the perfect Convertible. The dream seemed so vivid and real.

The next morning, I went to the thrift store that had been in my dreams. I almost wet myself when I rounded a corner in the store and saw....a beat-up pink Model 65, with the perfect bumper. It was WEEKS before I came down from my cloud in the sky.

Dreams sometimes ARE the predictors of the future (and sometimes....not). I think it's what Dave refers to as Twingle.....

electrolux~137

I would call "twingle" that feeling when you walk into a thrift store and are hit with the certainty that something is there to be found -- the stronger the "twingle," the more unbelievable the find. When I used to scour thrift shops on a regular basis, I hardly ever had a "false twingle."

With thrift shops disappearing at an alarming rate -- and with the ones that are still around hardly ever having vacuum cleaners anymore -- it's been a long time since I had a good "twingle."

aeoliandave

The Twingle comes to those that are Pure of Heart and Stalwart.

or something like that. Can't explain the Twingle - it just is what it is and when you feel it radiate through your body from tip to toe you know there's something of interest calling out to you. I have had more than my fair share of Twingle Incidents over the years, too numerous to list but I've posted about a few here with over-the-top trembling joy.

It is true that good Thrift Store treasures are becoming the exception rather than the rule, as it was 20 years ago. That is the nature of time and people passing through. And yet as we see and hear here in the Forums there are still plenty of surprises to be found if you're in the right place at the right time. The 'Pure of Heart and Stalwart' part is another way of saying 'be relaxed and receptive to the call'. Don't beat yourself up when something slips away from you - The Twingle has something much better on hold for you. I always head out with a positive outlook, whether thrifting on purpose or just going about the day from here to there. Naturally, The Twingle appreciates a little assistance now & then and so I look up Thrift and Vacuum Stores in the online yellow pages and put the addresses in the GPS, when traveling to a new area.

This weekend was the Stratford City Wide Treasure Hunt aka free stuff on the curbs. as recently as three years ago you could come home with a car stuffed to the windowsills and go out for more.

I am sad but not surprised that after scouring the street grid Friday night, and Saturday as I drove about there was not one single item of interest to be found. Literally nothing but busted barbecues, faded resin patio 'Outdoor Room' wares, stained overstuffed 90s furniture and sagging vinylwood-veneered chip board 'media entertainment centres' and tasteless computer desks. Not one vacuum.

I'd put out a half dozen newer working toasters and they were all gone when I got home. I was going to put out a few plastic vacs and two Filter Queens with hoses and tools but because of the Cord Cutting Monsters that troll the streets at events like this, decided against it. I guess small appliance cords are too short to hold the same appeal.

May the Twingle be ever with you and guide you.

Dave

Yes, it is a Fetish

[my new finds, and yet another gay collector is there a link?](#)

edgar

Hi hi, a few pics of the latest finds. I will be moving to another house next month, so it may be a bit quiet, but I will be back. Is it just me or are a lot of vacuum collectors gay, I know a few collectors in person and all of them are gay, funny could there be a link ;-)) . This are the new finds a red Aeg vampyr 502, and a philips P 50 both from the mid eighties.

dysonman1

If you count my time (6 years) as President of the Vacuum Cleaner Collectors Club, as well as curator of the Vacuum Cleaner Museum, I've met thousands of guys who were dedicated vacuum collectors. Every single one of them has been gay. Some didn't know it at the time. But it has always manifested itself sooner or later. Don't know why. Of all the collectors I've met and spoken at length about this: we all seem to share a common childhood with relation to vacuums, finding them in the storage closet at homes of relatives and friends of our parents, etc. Standing at amazement at the vacuum display at stores. Remembering the demonstration vividly of a door to door cleaner. Watching the salesmen at Sears demonstrate cleaners, etc. I imagine there would actually be a straight vacuum collector, somewhere.

s31463221

I'm married to a beautiful woman, soon to be 12 years, I have two amazing children, and have quite a massive horde of vacuum cleaners. I've been fascinated with them since I was a child as many of the others have as well; but I guess there's more of us around that are straight than I realized. I too have noticed that most of the folks that collect vacuums are gay, however that doesn't bother me in the slightest. I have many friends that are gay (several on here!), in fact, my wife's best friend is gay, and is an amazing person! So, here we all are, straight, bi, gay; but ALL with one goal, collecting some amazing dirt sucking appliances! :)

dysonman1

I've been to 12 VCCC conventions as well as 10 conventions I hosted myself, and they represent a huge cross section of the gay population. The twinkies, the bears, the quiet ones, and the old aunties. There's even been several drag queens. Bob Taber had to ask one of them to not dress in drag because of his neighbors. Some wear their leather drag. But all the conventions are just huge parties of homosexual men (and Tania) who like vacuums. Now that I think about it, there was one man who claimed to be straight and had a wife at home. During the cocktail party at the Convention though, he went from talking like John Wayne to talking like Ru Paul. I've met the young ones with their parents, and after talking with them for a while I'd almost like to say to the parents "let me predict the future". In a room FULL of gay guys at the vacuum conventions, it ranges from butch to very not butch. Just like a typical gay bar on a

Saturday night. It's what makes the conventions fun - all the different men coming together to play with sweepers and share knowledge. Like the gay car clubs, each year they always try to outdo the guys who hosted the convention the year before. It's why they call the conventions "fabulous". And they ARE.

sanitairewill

I've always been into vacuums and have collected for about 20 years now. I'm 30 and am not gay. I have always loved and been addicted to women. I honestly find it very sexy when i have a girlfriend and she uses one of my sanitaires. My last ex girlfriend surprised my for my birthday last year. I came home from work and she was vacuuming my living room with my 1986 Sanitaire SC886B in a mini skirt. That was awesome! Sexy girl using a sexy vacuum. I always found the shape of the 800 series Sanitaires especially 886s beautiful. Especially the shape of the hood

OLD KIRBYS

KIRBYDUDE

JUST A MESSAGE TO SHARE: ONCE YOU A HAVE KIRBY FETISH, ALWAYS YOU HAVE A KIRBY FETISH! THE OLD MACHINES ARE THE BEST MACHINES.THE SOUND OF A KIRBY & THE WAY THE BIG BAG LOOKS WHEN IT'S TURNED ON IS JUST SEXY. ADD A GOOD LOOKING WOMAN CLEANING WITH THE HOSE & SOME OF THE ATTACHMENTS & HEARING THE MOTOR SCREAM UP & DOWN AND WA, LA, HEAVEN ON EARTH.IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO WATCH & LOVE IF YOU HAVE A TRUE KIRBY FETISH.

Trebor

Look at the profile...

of Kirbydude.

A very strange and rather inarticulate posting for someone born in 1955.

"A good looking woman, cleaning with the hose and attachments, hearing the motor scream up and down, WA-LA heaven on earth"

I do not know how to interpret that other than as blatantly sexually suggestive.

The last line in his profile "If you don't see things my way, look harder"

Kirbydude, if you really are a vacuum cleaner aficionado, please feel free to post here and share the passion we share. If you are repelled by the fact that many of the posters/members here are gay, all I can say is "We'll play nice if you do" That has been my experience, at least.

Trebor

KIRBYDUDE

thanks to terry for being nice,you get an elvis! thank you ,thank you vary much!!

i have 8 kirby's form the late 40's to a classic gold color to a green d80. a couple of the older ones are for parts. i paid \$25.00 for all of them. i got them from the husband of a wife who passed away & use to sell refurbs.he wanted to clear his garage so i got a good deal. trebor you are far to proper, look at the adds for vacuum cleaners when women are used as models the skirts are flying in the air, they have one leg dangling up,they have a smile on their face.every one has an opinion. Thanks!!

Love at First Sight...

fatalfranklin

Did you ever just see something that made you heart race and your head twirl.....sigh...??!!??

Well, I did today! I got off the credit cards two years ago, it was a wicked battle, but I keep one around for catastrophes and emergencies. Today qualified as neither. It was pure lust!

Now, I'm not a vacuum cleaner aficionado or collector (yet, there's still time), but when I saw this baby, I just couldn't resist. It was dulled enamel, textured, teal blue, shaped like a bullet train, SOLID ?aluminum?, minimal plaaastic (yuck), chrome accents....MMmmm...boy was she sweet! It was sittin' behind the swathe of bulky old televisions at the local thrift shop. I stop in most days to see if there is anything worth re-selling. When I saw it, my head got all fuzzy, instantly I was groping it and fiddling with it. Checking out its insides, poking and prodding it. I nearly left my purse laying on the floor so that I could find an outlet to plug it into.

....And then I plugged it in. All the stuff at the thrift store is tested before it can go out on the sales but being a typical human, I have to hear it for myself. The cord was clean and vintagy but sturdy and "modern", no deterioration. I plugged it into the socket.....pressed the super-sleek chrome button.....it sprang to life...AAAaaaawwwhhhhmmmm.....the perfect whirring pitch of a well built motor with lots of life left in it.....I placed my hand over the intake....thwack! MAN does she SUCK!! And on the other end she BLOWS!!! WoW what a machine.

I know NOTHING about vacuum cleaners, except my mother has a Kirby from the early '70s and thinks it is the only vacuum cleaner ever made worth having. I know that everything I see in big box stores looks like a bad amusement park gimmick. And that what is offered at my local specialty shop seems like an expensive (mostly plastic and base metal) gimmick that I can't afford. Lastly I know the vacuum I settled on buying for my house was \$50.00 new, mostly plastic, "Sanitaire" by Electrolux, performs adequately and will likely break or burn out before my cats die.

Like I said, I was scoping out the thrift store, like I do every day. Buying thrift store stuff and finding out what it is at home is like my lottery tickets. I justified this purchase (on the demon

credit card) as a potential re-sale item. But really it was all for ME! I didn't even look around after I saw it...I just gripped it tightly in both arms and dashed to the cash register. Again, I have ZERO clue what I'm holding, just that I LUST it.

So here she is...I'm not sure what she is supposed to be called, and I can't read the serial number under her "hood", maybe 4--735.... Here's the info on the case:

Interstate Precision Products Corp.
Model C-4
Pat. 2639002D175657
July, 13 1951 Others pending

Side of the case reads:
23rd Anniversary Edition

She is in okay shape. After looking around she is missing a lot of the attachments. One foot and the hose isn't completely functional...but those things seem relatively minor to functionality. I see a lot of her sisters have swivel feet, instead of dragging nubs??!! I would LOVE LOVE LOVE any info you pro's have about this sweet machine. Especially where I might find parts and attachments. Maybe even the floor buffer head...mmmm...buff the wood...aah

[Why am I fascinated with vacuum cleaners?](#)

niclonnic

Today, one of my coworkers asked me why I'm fascinated with vacuum cleaners. I told him that it's a complicated thing and hard to explain. He was wondering if I grew up around vacuum cleaners.

I have to admit, I have Asperger's, and one perk of it is becoming interested in very bizarre things that most other people wouldn't care about, such as vacuum cleaners, particularly Fantoms.

Anyway, it's very hard for me to share with others that I'm into vacuum cleaners. I have a feeling most people would be baffled by it. Vacuumland has helped a lot; it shows that I'm not the only one with such a weird hobby.

What are some tips for explaining to someone that I'm into vacuums?

eureka prince

My reasoning for my fascination with vacuum cleaners is psychological: I grew up in a very emotionally "messy" family with a lot of chaos and anger and drama....lots of what is now known as "Cluster B Personality Disorders".

As a child, the household vacuum cleaner symbolically provided a cleansing mechanism: I was mesmerized by how our Eureka upright magically made the carpet I played on clean and orderly. Somehow, I fell in love with any vacuum - these were magical machines that took away the dirt and the mess and left behind a cleaner, nicer world.

And I guess it kind of just blossomed from there. I still get a calm feeling of satisfaction cleaning anything with a vacuum cleaner - especially dirty floors and carpets. The vacs are my heroes in the war against chaos and dirt.

gregvacs28

depends on environment

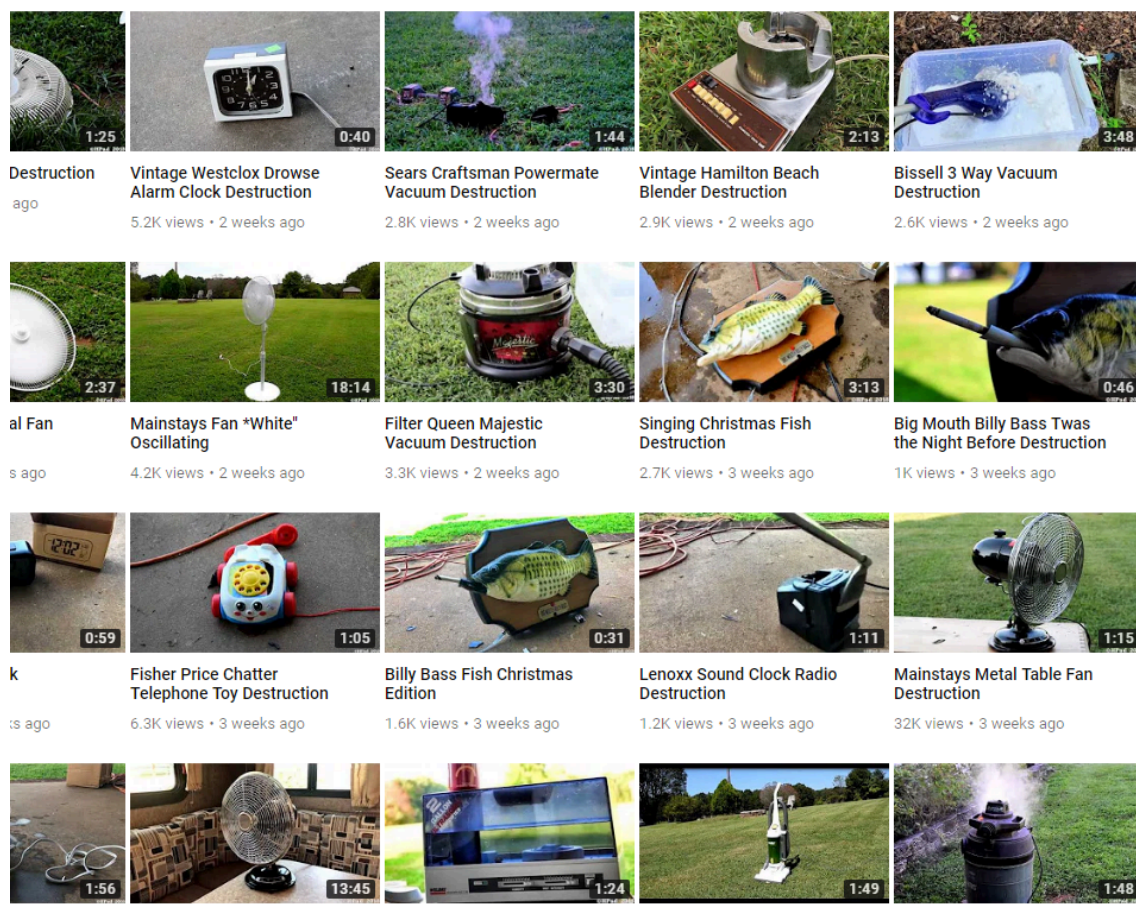
Some kids don't have a chance to experiment or are discouraged or even punished for "getting into things", which is really about taking an interest and trying to learn. As a result, these kids who had interests never had someone to explain to them how things really work and the kids can end up getting frustrated at that which they once were interested.

Came across this "case" on Youtube a few days back. Take a look at his video collection. It's mostly fans, vacuums, and small appliances. Some he demonstrates and often includes the proper names of the appliances in his titles, then he smashes them.

Am I wrong in thinking he is a frustrated, "closeted" interest, young person, who's afraid to admit he has interest in appliances? I mean, I've seen videos of people who simply get off on damaging things. They really don't care what the things are, and certainly don't care what models they or care to demonstrate them. They just want to damage things. Consider the state he's from.

Sad really

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO gregvacs28's LINK](#)



eurekaprince

I've often wondered about the "gay connection", too.

One theory I have is related to my mother's obsession with cleanliness. It was very difficult to get her approval and the vacuum cleaner seemed to be a tool she used to keep the house clean. So in a roundabout way, with the vacuum cleaner being low to the ground as the crawling toddler I was, it seemed that the way to mom's approval was through this magical machine she used. Since my dad was absent a lot in my early years, mom's presence in my life was far more prominent and "in your face" so to speak. Mom seemed to enjoy using this cleaning "toy" so I determined it would be beneficial for me to love the toy too.

Beyond the attempt to placate a strong, scary overbearing mother, I also think there is a bit of a Freudian attraction to the phallic hoses and tubes of a vacuum cleaner, if you'll pardon me for adding this graphic element to the conversation.

HonestJoe68

Hello Brian,

Your last paragraph is Brilliant! I too had those feelings and the Vacuum Cleaner is a masculine, somewhat phallic symbol! And like gay men, the good ones suck really well! Lol

Not to disrespect your thoughts with my joke, but it's actually a very valid point about your mother, that I have not really thought about before. But I too had a Mom who kept a very clean house, vacuumed a lot and I too wanted her approval. Wow I suddenly feel the need to find a psychiatrist now and share my feelings to see just how related they are to my Mom and growing up wanting her approval.

Thanks for your sharing!

Patrick

gregvacs28

It would probably be a good tool for mental health counselors to just refer their gay-conflicted clients to sites similar to this.

"Oh, I see, you're dealing with attractions to other men, you should check out the vacuumland website."

Problems solved.

Poetry

[My new Eureka Chrome Top](#)

This thread winds up being hijacked by poetry. Skip down to that.

camelotshadow

I love her

It was love at first sight when I spotted her standing stoically in the goodwill.

I ran over & put my arms around her scooping her up so that no one else could claim my precious find.

Challantly I plugged her in to hear the roar of her heart beat

Mmmmmmmmm she purred & it was music to my ears.

I kept her close to me & under my watchful eye as I breathlessly laid my money down & she was mine.

Carried her out to the faithful Volvo where she fit just right in the back seat....

Getting her cleaned up & soon we'll twirl arou7nd in the dance of dust....

I do l;ove my vacs

LOL

bvac6

Awesome

The dance of dust, thats hilarious! Theres just nothing like chrome on vacuums, it really dresses them up. Ive never found anything that classic at a thrift store. My vacs are like children, Im very protective of them. As for dancing with vacuums how about: Cobweb Calypso, Dust Bunny Waltz, Tracked-In-Dirt Tango, etcetera

camelotshadow

Love the brushroll

Vibra groom 1

replacement \$50

I knew she was special but had no idea it was that old.

True old vacs are hard to find.

This is one of my best finds only second to a mid 50's Hoover upright in blue.

Loved the deep roar of the motor.

This motor has a nice deep sound too.

Have to clean up the brush roll & area uhdeneath

pop on a new belt

& attach her fresh washed bag & go for a spin.

Yeah

Dance of dust!

Eureka Mombo....

LOL

eurekaprince

Camelotshadow! Your vacuum poetry is sublime!!!! You describe the romance with a You Rika just perfectly.... The description of the motor hum and brushroll vibration deserves a Pulitzer!

One thing you forgot to mention is that distinctive intoxicating Eureka Williams aroma....the entranced owner would be greeted with that unique scent when they first opened the box and set eyes on the treasure within and then stayed with their vacs forever more. I can smell a Eureka bare floor brush from miles away!

Only difference with me is that for some reason, I always thought my beloved Eureka's were men.... oops.... too much information there! :-D

camelotshadow

"Tushey"

Guilty of having a U Erreeka moment! Yes I can get down with the words which was carthartic with this outburst as it has been a while since I was so moved.

Guess wrestling with that bag removal got me worked up.

LOL

I'm not sure if I think vacs are he's or she's but that's just the way the words fell out.

I can't get the sound /vibration of the Hoover I think model 63 from 1954. That's a he sound that sort of goes through your whole body.

Bag is dry & just waiting for some spare time to clean the brushroll & area pop on a belt & take her out for a spin....hmmmm maybe let him go for a ride...

LOL

WASHING TROUBLE

This poem comes from the sister forum automaticwasher.org.

ariston4life

The Indesit struggles, and the candy cries, this is the future before our eyes
The Electrolux Moans, the Hoover squeaks, and the Beko can't stay on its feet,
The Hotpoint whines and the Zanussi Screeches, the Frigidaire Died from too many glitches,
The Miele lasts, but not forever. Even the Ariston can't keep it together
The Fagor Freaks out in despair, and how did the Bendix get all the way over there.
The whirlpool bangs from wall to wall, the servis dances up the hall.
The Bosch Works but only just, Give it time and it will fall, just like the many that did before.
These days machine aren't meant to last, and that my friends it makes me sad,
back in the day that lasted forever and Sadly now they cant, but what are we supposed to do,
but just sit and hope our dreams will come true.

Twass the night before xmas Filter Queen Poem

The advertisement with the poem is a bit down in the thread.

A NEW Christmas Story

As told by FILTER QUEEN, the really different vacuum, to BAGGY, the old-style cleaner



"Twas the night before Christmas
and all 'round the tree
The family had gathered
To talk about me.

Mother thanked Dad
with her face all aglow
As she thought of how fast
I would make her work go.

"There's no bag to empty"
said mother with glee.
"It quickly cleans rugs
And keeps them moth-free".

"The filter's the secret"
said Dad, the explainer.
"It collects all the dust
in the metal container".

"Once a month when it's emptied
all you need to do
is add a new filter
and it's good as brand-new".

"And that self-cleaning brush
means you'll have not a care.
For it gets dust and lint
and even dog's hair".

"The motor's so quiet
you won't know it's toiling.
It's super-strong, too,
and it never needs oiling".

"With the snap-on attachments
that lock safe and snug.
You can spray wax or paint
... Even shampoo the rug".

"You can dust all your blinds
or polish the floors.
Demoth all your clothes
It does *all* of those chores.

"I guess I'm a hit"
said the new FILTER QUEEN.
"I'm the cleaner that's different
... that *keeps* the home clean".

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